

The Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear Commissioners

Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance

I support the submissions draft guidelines lodged by the City of Hobart and Our Place – Hobart. In addition, I would like to make the following points:

- Transport 1.3.1: I believe that if the stadium proceeds, the Tasmanian Government will mandate that private vehicles will not be allowed to access Macquarie Point. I strongly disagree with this. In fact, it is an indictment of the proposal.
- Development 1.3.1: Will there be capacity to provide sufficient electricity to meet the needs of the proposed stadium? There has been mention in the press that the State cannot supply businesses requiring more than 50 MW. Although I am only a layman, I believe that the stadium would require a lot more than 50 MW, especially for night matches.
- Governmental Policy and Strategy 2.2.1.3: Point Three requires plans and strategies related to the role of the City of Hobart across a range of relevant areas including: I believe that this should refer to Greater Hobart, not just the City of Hobart. It takes very little to upset Hobart’s traffic, with resultant widespread delays, adversely affecting traffic, business, visitors and residents of Greater Hobart.
- Cultural Heritage 5.0: I understand that the “Goods Shed” on the Macquarie Point site is a heritage listed site. Will this be preserved? Will its preservation be a limiting factor for the proposed stadium.
- Aboriginal Heritage 5.2: I believe the guidelines should provide for a bigger and better positioned Aboriginal Heritage area than that mooted for the Stadium.
- Places and Precincts of Historic Cultural Heritage Significance 5.3.3 & 5.4.4: I recommend that consideration also be given to the inclusion of the Inner North East Neighbourhood Plan, which will cover Macquarie Point and is being prepared by the City of Hobart.
- Access: Mass-Public Transport, Car Use and Parking 6.3.2: Specific mention of ferries and ferry terminals should be included in this section.
- Access: Mass-Public Transport, Car Use and Parking 6.3.3: I recommend that the addition of a bullet point ensuring that people with disability issues are provided with excellent facilities to ensure they can get to matches and events.

- Activity and Land Use 7.0.3: I recommend that the effect of the proposed stadium on the two existing AFL stadiums be included as an additional bullet point in this section.
- Noise and Vibration 8.4.1: Specific mention should be made of possible effects on the events held at the same time at the Federation Concert Hall. The guidelines should also include possible effects on Eastern Shore suburbs, as well as nearby suburbs, such as Glebe, Wapping et cetera. This should also be during the period of construction.

I note all the requirements of the draft guidelines and anticipate that compliance will take substantial time and resources to complete.

I would like to know what happens if the Planning Commission review refuses the planning application submitted based on the guidelines. What if it concluded that that Macquarie Point is just not big enough to accommodate the stadium and all the necessary infrastructure? What if the Commission considered that it was too high for the area? What if the commission thought that a stadium at Macquarie Point could not provide the necessary infrastructure, such as traffic access, access for people with special needs, aboriginal land, pedestrian access, public transport access et cetera? Will it allow the Stadium development to proceed? Tasmanians do not want an inferior stadium.

I cannot understand how our Premier and his predecessor had the authority to agree to a contract with the AFL (which blatantly favours the AFL), without having to consult Cabinet or Parliament for what could be a very substantial and very expensive project. All this without a business case or even draft plans. This is for a stadium which the AFL will only use for four matches per year. And which will have less capacity than either of the two existing Tasmanian AFL stadiums. Whilst I am strongly in favour of Tasmania having a team in the AFL, I do not believe Tasmania be required to provide a (roofed) stadium at Macquarie Point.

I trust my recommendations on the guidelines will be incorporated.

Yours faithfully

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